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SUBJECT: HONOLULU VISIT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR

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  B. MANILA 1494

1. JUST TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON MELCHOR'S CONVERSATIONS WITH ME PRIOR HIS RECENT VISIT TO CINCPAC, I FEEL I SHOULD REPORT FOLLOWING:

  A. THERE WAS NO RPT NO MENTION OF FOUR BATTALIONS OF NEWLY EQUIPPED TROOPS FOR THE SOUTH (I SUSPECT THAT CAME OUT OF MILITARY MEETING WHICH FOLLOWED MY SESSION WITH MARCOS REPORTED REFTEL).

  B. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF PURCHASING CADILLAC-GAGE ARMORED CARS. MARCOS AUTHORIZED ESPINO TO CONTRACT FOR UNSPECIFIED NUMBER BASED ON TESTS CONDUCTED ON MODEL CURRENTLY IN COUNTRY.

  C. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF COASTAL RADAR FOR MARITIME SURVEILLANCE. I EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT CAPABILITY COASTAL RADAR TO DETECT SMALL INFILTRATING BANCAS. IT WAS ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT THAT I SUGGESTED MELCHOR SEEK TECHNICAL ADVICE OF CINCPACFLT HEADQUARTERS.

  D. THERE WAS INQUIRY ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS ARMOR (PARTICULARLY APC'S) FROM JAPAN OR OTHER SOURCE.

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JUSMAG IS CHECKING THIS.

2. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES HAVE TAKEN SOME HARD KNOWCKS IN THE SOUTH AND THAT MNLF EQUIPMENT IS IMPROVING. THEY HAVE 81MM MORTARS OF FRENCH MANUFACTURE, AS WELL AS BELGIAN FN, ETC. HOWEVER, UNTIL PHILS PUT TOGETHER A COHERENT REQUEST PROCESSED THROUGH JUSMAG, IT WILL BE HARD FOR US TO EXPRESS A JUDGMENT ON ACTION WHICH WE CAN RECOMMEND.

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